

Chapter 15.08 ZONING

Section 15.08.630 General limitations.

The following provisions affect all signs and classes of signs.

No sign shall be erected, replaced or reconstructed, maintained, enlarged or moved to a new location unless it complies with all of the following conditions.

A. Permits. No sign shall be erected, relocated, reconstructed or enlarged without approval and a permit issued by the Enforcement Officer, except real estate, rent, lease and political signs.

B. Site Plan. All applications for sign permits shall be accompanied by a site plan drawn to scale showing the exact size, location, and ownership of record, the exact size of existing signs and the proposed sign, and the proposed location of the new sign with relation to buildings and property lines.

C. Lighted Signs. No lighted sign or animated sign shall be installed or located in such a way that it constitutes a nuisance or hazard to adjacent property owners.

D. Projection of Signs. No part of any sign shall be attached to any building or other structure or otherwise located in such a way as to project across any property line.

E. Signs on Public Property. No sign or pole shall be erected on public property or inside street rights-of-way without first obtaining written permission from the public entity which owns the property. No sign, handbill poster, advertisement or notice of any kind, whether political or otherwise, shall be fastened, placed, posted, painted or attached in any way in or upon any curb-stone, lamp-post, telephone pole, electric light or power pole, hydrant, bridge, tree, rock, sidewalk or street.

1. Exception. Signs owned and erected by a public agency or its authorized representative that are required by law or which are for the direction and/or safety of the public may be erected on publicly owned land; inside street rights-of-way or otherwise, provided, that no part of any sign may extend to a point within two feet of any curb line; also poles and lights erected by a public utility may be permitted.

F. Signs and Lights Not to Constitute Traffic Hazard. No light, sign or other advertising structure as regulated by this chapter shall be erected at the intersection of any street in such a manner as to obstruct free and clear vision: or at any location whereby reason of the position, shape or color, it may interfere with, obstruct the view of or be confused with any authorized traffic signs, signal or device; or which makes use of the words, "STOP", "LOOK", "DRIVE IN", "DANGER" or any other words, phrase, symbol or character in such manner as to interfere with, mislead or confuse traffic.

G. Maintenance. Every sign shall be kept in good condition as to maintenance and repair. The Enforcement Officer may require dilapidated and/or unsafe signs to be put in good condition and upon failure of the owner to do so, after thirty (30) days written notice, the County may order such signs removed or demolished.

H. Clearance. There shall be a minimum clearance of ten (10) feet between the ground or sidewalk and any part of a projecting sign or pole, except where there is less than eighteen (18) inches projection from its support. Ground signs shall have a maximum clearance of four feet.

I. Ownership. The identity of the owner of all off-premise signs shall be in plain and public view. (Ord. 1-1985 § 10-3)